



# The Cleveland Museum of Art

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## LEADING COIN EXPERT TO LECTURE AT ART MUSEUM October 17, 1993

Leo Mildenberg, one of the foremost authorities on ancient coins, will present a free public lecture, "Hadrian versus Bar Kokhba: The Coins as Evidence for the Ancient Jewish Revolt Against Rome," on Sunday, October 17, 1993, at 3 pm, in The Cleveland Museum of Art's Recital Hall.

Dr. Mildenberg founded one of the world's leading numismatic departments, Bank Leu Numismatik in Zurich, and was its director for three decades, responsible for acquiring and cataloguing coins and conducting (in five languages) the bank's auctions of rare and important coins. His widely acclaimed study of Bar Kokhba coins--from the brief period of Jewish revolt against Roman rule (132-135)--has clarified intriguing historical puzzles of the period. He is best known in Cleveland for his personal collection of ancient animal figures, first shown at the Museum in 1981, then in thirteen other cities in the U.S., Europe, and Israel.

Born in Kassel, near Frankfurt, Germany, on February 14, 1913, Leo Mildenberg studied at universities in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Dorpat, specializing in ancient history and Semitic languages, in addition to numismatics. Dr. Mildenberg edited the *Swiss Numismatic Review* from 1966 to 1980 and is an honorary member of the Swiss Numismatic Society and the International Association of Professional Numismatists. He has lectured at the Royal Numismatic Society in London, the American Numismatic Society in New York, at Harvard, the University of Southern California, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and several European universities. In 1973, he received the Kadman prize of the Israel Numismatic Society for his scholarship in the subject of Jewish coins.

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